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The Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom
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Re: Senate Bill 846; ISO Perspective on Extension of Diablo Canyon Power Plant

Governor Newsom,

The California ISO is responsible for maintaining reliability for one of the largest power grids in the world during a time when we are collectively working to decarbonize our power supply. California has relied on the Diablo Canyon Power Plant for decades. This supply provides significant support for the grid during evening hours when solar is no longer operating. The loss of approximately 2,000 MW of clean generation supply from Diablo Canyon requires an infrastructure replacement plan. Although the CPUC has authorized additional procurement to meet that need, it will take time to deploy new resources. We should ensure new sources of clean electric supply are in place before retiring non-emitting generation that plays such an instrumental role supporting reliable electric service.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Elliot Mainzer
President and Chief Executive Officer